

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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| Form Type | | 54.313 and 54.422 |

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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| <400> | Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. <div>Offered only fixed voice</div> | |
| <410> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice | 0.0 |
| <420> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice | |
| <430> | Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. <div>Offered only fixed broadband</div> | |
| <440> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband | 0.0 |
| <450> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband | |

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(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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| <500> | Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules | Yes |
| | | 351105ia_service_quality510.pdf |
| <510> | Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance | |
| <515> | Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards | |

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(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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| <600> | Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations | Yes |
| <610> | Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations | 351105ia_Function_in_Emergency610.pdf |

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| <701> | Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date | 1/1/2017 |
| <702> | Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge | |

-- See attached worksheet

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(800) Operating Companies
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company |
| <811> | Holding Company | Northwest Communications |
| <812> | Operating Company | Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company |

<813>

<a1>

<a2>

<a3>

Affiliates

SAC

Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation

-- See attached worksheet --

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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| <900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) | No |

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

| Select Yes or No or Not Applicable |
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**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 351105ia_voice_service_rate1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 351105ia_Broadband_compliance1030.pdf

Name of Attached Document

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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP <http://www.ayrshireia.com/assistance.htm>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

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| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

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- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

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| (3009) | Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii) | |
| | | Yes - Attach Certification |
| (3010A) | Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} | |
| (3010B) | Please Provide Attachment | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |
| (3012A) | Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)} | No - No New Community Anchors |
| (3012B) | Please Provide Attachment | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |
| (3013) | Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| (3014) | If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report | (Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| | Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: | |
| (3015) | Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3016) | Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3017) | If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |
| (3018) | If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? | (Yes/No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| | If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: | |
| (3019) | Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3020) | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3021) | Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: | |
| (3022) | Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3023) | Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3024) | Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3025) | Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3026) | Attach the worksheet listing required information | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

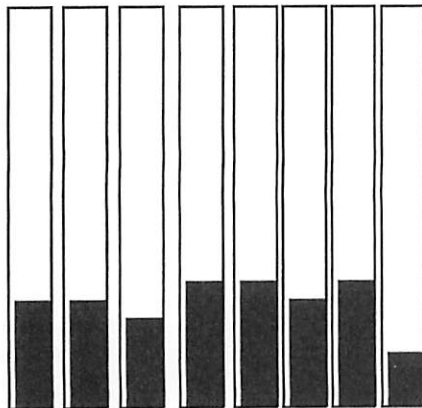
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients | |
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| I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: AYRSHIRE FARMERS MUT | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE | Date 06/13/2017 |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: Donald Miller | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: Executive Vice President | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 7127762222 ext. | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 351105 | Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017 |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier | |
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| I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate. | |
| Name of Authorized Agent: _____ | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: _____ | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: _____ | Date: _____ |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____ | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____ | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____ | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____ | Filing Due Date for this form: _____ |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

| Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: _____ | |
| Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____ | |
| Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | Date: _____ |
| Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____ | |
| Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____ | Filing Due Date for this form: _____ |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

Attachments

Certification of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

Line 510

Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
 - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
 - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis and training for new hires.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter traced and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

The Company also has implemented procedures that are consistent with the Federal Trade Commission guidance on measures to detect/prevent identity theft (Red Flag Rules).

A copy of the Company's tariff is on file with the Iowa Utility Board and copies of our rules and regulations and schedules of rates are on file at our Business Office and are open to public inspection.

Line 610 – Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone (Ayrshire) prides itself on updating and maintaining all its plant and equipment to prevent outages before they happen. If outages do happen, the Company has 24-hour on call staff and alarm reporting systems in place that send notifications to the 24 hour personnel monitoring these systems. The Company certifies that it follows best practices that are designed to allow them to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality in the event of a limited commercial power failure.

Ayrshire utilizes battery back-up systems and standby generators in its central office and remote huts. This enables the Company to maintain power during an outage of at least 48 hours with battery back-up and several days with propane gas.

The Company has redundant interexchange/exchange fiber routes that allow traffic to be diverted to other routes when any fiber cuts occur. Ayrshire also has the ability to remotely switch its traffic using the neighboring telco's switch, if the Company's own switch becomes inoperable.

**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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Line 1010: Voice Service Rate Comparability

As evidenced by the data provided in the line 700 of this Form 481, the Company's voice service pricing is no more than 2 standard deviations above the national average urban rate (\$49.51) as announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau on February 14, 2017 (DA17-167).

Line 1030: Voice Service Rate Comparability

As evidenced by the data provided in the line 710 of this Form 481, the Company's Broadband service pricing is no more than the applicable benchmark as announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau on February 2017 (DA17-167).



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June 12, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
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Re: Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient 54.313 (f)(1)(i) "Certification of Public Interest Obligations"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company certifies that:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are any questions, I may be contacted at 712-776-2222.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Miller
Executive Vice President
Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

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